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Arizona Department of Public Safety Officers seize over half a million in U.S. currency during October

Several traffic stops by Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) officers along with efforts by DPS criminal investigators resulted in the seizure of \$646,493 in drug money during October of 2008. All of the money seized was U.S. currency.

The largest money seizure by DPS during a single traffic stop occurred on Oct. 23 when a DPS officer stopped a vehicle on eastbound I-10 at milepost 179 (near Tucson). After stopping the vehicle for a traffic violation, a search of the vehicle revealed \$175,266. The driver was arrested and booked into the Pinal County Jail. The currency and Chevrolet pickup were seized.

“This is the most drug related cash DPS has seized in one month since the summer. It shows the current level of activity by the drug cartels as they move their product and their proceeds through the state. DPS officers will continue to intercept these drug couriers and get them off the streets and behind bars,” said Roger Vanderpool, director of the Arizona Department of Public Safety

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